

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A golf bag having a closed base and a top with at least one aperture therethrough so as to receive at least one shaft of a golf club, said base and said top being interconnected by means of at least one tubular member which has its ends secured relative to said base and said top, characterised in that said at least one tubular member has a series of apertures through the side walls of said tube.

2. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1, wherein at least one tubular member has a mesh construction.

3. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in the claim 1 or 2~~ according to claim 1, wherein the shape of said apertures is selected from one of or a combination of one or more of the following: circular, square, rectangular, diamond shaped, rhombic, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal.

4. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein said at least one tubular member is formed as a tube by a moulding process.

5. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein said at least one tubular member is formed from an elongated piece of sheet material with the longitudinal sides of said sheet material being joined end to end.

6. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein between said base and said top there is provided an appropriately rigid spine member.

7. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 6~~ according to claim 1, wherein a web member extends from said spine portion in opposite directions around said golf bag.

8. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 7~~ according to claim 1, wherein said web portion is located adjacent both said top and said base.

9. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 8~~ according to claim 1, wherein a substantial proportion of the length of said at least one tubular member is not covered by a web portion.

10. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed any one of claims 6 to 9~~ according to claim 6, wherein said spine member is hollow.

11. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 10~~ according to claim 6, wherein said spine member receives a handle member which can move into and out of said rigid spine member.

12. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein said top and said base are of substantially the same shape in plan view.

13. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and second ~~portions~~ portion.

14. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 13, wherein said first portion has a base and a top which is in part the same shape as said base.

15. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 13 or 14~~ according to claim 13, wherein said second portion has a top and a base which are similar in plan view.

16. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 15~~ according to claim 1, wherein said first portion has a base and a top which is in part the same shape as said base, said second portion has a top and base which are similar in plan view and wherein the base of said second portion fits into the base of said first portion, with said top of said second portion being of a shape which complements the shape of said top of said first portion to form a combined shape which is substantially the same as said base of said first portion.

17. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 16~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and

both said first and second portions have at least one tubular member having a series of lateral apertures therethrough.

18. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover.

19. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 18~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and the first and second portion of said golf bag are held together by a removable cover.

20. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 19~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and a latch mechanism holds said tops together.

21. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claims 13 to 20~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and said first and second portions have complementary nesting surfaces wherein said second portion can be nested within said first portion.

22. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 21, wherein said nesting surfaces are provided along one side of each of said first and second portions along a substantial length thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 22~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and said cover is made from a synthetic or natural cloth or material.

24. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 23~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and said cover is flexible or at least in part rigid or at least in part flexible or rigid.

25. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 24~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and the cover is secured to said bag via surfaces on said top and base members or adjacent thereto.

26. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 25~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and said cover is secured by means of one or more of the following: hook and loop fixing members, spigots and eyelets, zippers, buttons, press studs.

27. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein there is a plurality of tubular members and apertures through said top.

28. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag includes a fitment on a side thereof said fitment

allowing an undercarriage to be clamped thereto, said undercarriage have two first class levers with a common fulcrum whereby said fitment is clamped by proximal ends of said levers when said distal ends are spaced from each other.

29. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 28, wherein the proximal ends of said levers have wheels rotatably mounted thereto.

30. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 28 or 29~~ according to claim 28, wherein said levers are held in space relation to each other by a strut.

31. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 30~~ according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag includes a fitment on a side thereof, said fitment allowing an undercarriage to be clamped thereto, said undercarriage has two first class levers with a common fulcrum whereby said fitment is clamped by proximal ends of said levers when said distal ends are spaced from each other, said levers are held in space relation to each other by a strut and said strut is an adjustable length or of a hinged construction.

32. (Currently Amended) A golf bag ~~as claimed in claim 30 or 32~~ according to claim 31, wherein said undercarriage can be detached and collapsed by collapsing said strut.

33. (Original) A method of manufacturing a golf bag, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a frame having a first and a second end,

said first end having at least one aperture therethrough to receive a shaft of a golf club,
said second end being formed with a ring to receive a base,
passing at least one tube into said frame via said ring so that the at least one tube will
provide a passage from a respective one of said at least one apertures to said ring,
joining a base to said ring to secure the free ends of said at least one tube.

34. (Original) A frame from which to construct a golf bag, said frame including a top end having at least one aperture therethrough to receive one or more shafts of a golf club to be held in said bag, a base ring held spaced apart from said top end by a spine which extends between said top end and said base end.

35. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 34, wherein said top end and said base ring are of the same peripheral shape.

36. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in claim 34 or 35~~ according to claim 34, wherein the base ring receives a base end cap to close said ring.

37. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in claim 36~~ according to claim 34, wherein the base ring receives a base end cap to close said ring and said base end cap can be secured to said ring by one of the following: the interaction of tongues and recesses on the base and ring; rivets; adhesive; sonic welding.

38. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 37~~ according to claim 34, wherein near to said top end and said base ring a web or skirt extends from said spine around a substantial proportion of the periphery of said top end and said base ring.

39. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in claim 38~~ according to claim 34, wherein near to said top end and said base ring a web or skirt extends from said spine around a substantial proportion of the periphery of said top end and said base ring and said web or skirt has a tapered or convergent shape whereby near to said spine said web or skirt is of a greater width or height by comparison to the a location opposite said spine.

40. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~a claimed in any one of claims 34 to 39~~ according to claim 34, wherein at a location opposite to said spine a strut is used to maintain the portions of said top end and said base ring which are opposite to the location of connection to said spine, in their spaced apart condition.

41. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 40~~ according to claim 34, wherein said frame including said top end, spine and base ring are formed from a single integral moulding.

42. (Currently Amended) A frame ~~as claimed in claim 41 when dependent upon claim 40~~ according to claim 34, wherein at a location opposite to said spine a strut is used to maintain the portions of said top end and said base ring which are opposite to the location of

connection to said spine in their spaced apart condition; said frame including said top end, spine and base ring are formed from a single integral moulding; said strut can also be formed in the single integral moulding.